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**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Frederick F. Becker et al.

Serial No.: 09/902,933

Filed: July 10, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PROGRAMMABLE FLUIDIC PROCESSING

Group Art Unit: 1753

Examiner: Noguerola, A.

Atty. Dkt. No.: UTXC:569USC1

**Amendment; Response to Office Action Dated August 24, 2004; and  
Petition for Extension of Time**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2004. The three-month response date was November 24, 2004. This paper also requests a one-month extension of time, bringing the response due date to December 24, 2004, which is within the six-month statutory period. The extension fee is included. Should such fee be deficient for any reason, please withdraw the appropriate amount from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Deposit Account No.: 50-1212/UTXC:569USC1/MCB.

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the application.

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